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SUBJ: VISIT TO U.S. OF MRS. BONGO

1. PRESIDENCY TELEPHONED MORNING AUGUST 22 TO ADVISE THAT MRS. JOSEPHINE BONGO, WIFE OF PRESIDENT, IS SCHEDULED ARRIVE NEW YORK TOMORROW, AUGUST 23, AT 1540 VIA SWISSAIR FROM ZURICH.

2. VISIT IS BILLED AS "STRICTLY PRIVATE" AND PRESIDENCY WISHES IT KEPT OUT OF PRESS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. GABONESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON BEING INFORMED TODAY BY TELEX.

3. MRS. BONGO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TEN OTHER PERSONS, DESCRIBED BY PRESIDENCY AS "FAMILY" THOUGH NO NAMES SUPPLIED. GROUP DOES, HOWEVER, INCLUDE TWO BODY GUARDS WHO WILL PRESUMABLY BE CARRYING ARMS AS WAS CASE IN PREVIOUS VISITS.

4. PRESIDENCY EMPHASIZED CALL TO EMBASSY WAS SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF COURTESY NOTIFICATION AND TO ASSURE SMOOTH ENTRY INTO U.S. IN RESPONSE TO OFFER ASSISTANCE, THEY INSISTED ON PRIVATE NATURE OF VISIT AND SAID NO FURTHER HELP REQUIRED.

5. COMMENT. REGRET SHORT NOTICE BUT THIS SEEMS PAR FOR COURSE ON VISITS BY MRS. BONGO. SINCERELY HOPE HER TRIP PROVES AS "PRIVATE" AS PRESIDENCY CURRENTLY AFFIRMS.

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